

CRISIS CONTINUES YET

BOTH SIDES ARE STRIVING TO OBTAIN PUBLIC OPINION

Crisis in Threatened Railroad Strike is Likely to Continue Several Days.

BACKFIRE BY BOTH SIDES

Railroad Heads Are Again in a Conference at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—After an hour's conference with President Wilson Saturday, the thirty-three railroad presidents left the White House without giving any indication that they had abandoned their stand for arbitration, but with assurances that the negotiations were not ended.

The railroad executives gave no final answer to the president's proposals, but will deliberate on them today and see President Wilson again, probably Monday.

While the railroad presidents were in conference with President Wilson, the president gave out a statement outlining his plan of settlement and saying:

"It seems to me a thoroughly practical and entirely fair program, and I think the public has the right to expect its acceptance."

In his address to the officials President Wilson said:

"If a strike comes the public will know where the responsibility rests. It will not be upon me."

One ray of hope that it might induce the railroad managers to make concessions stood out in a suggestion that the Interstate Commerce Commission might determine whether it would be right to increase freight rates to meet the added compensation to employees. The railroad presidents indicated they would make a statement soon.

Mr. Holden, spokesman for the railroad presidents, gave Mr. Wilson estimates of the cost of the eight-hour day to the railroads. Mr. Wilson, in reply, urged that the railroad officials very carefully consider his plan before giving any final answer. That was agreed to by the railroad executives.

The president informed the officials that they were discussing an impractical thing in present situation when they mentioned arbitration for the employees would not accept arbitration and he had no way of forcing them to accept it.

President Wilson declared he was the spokesman for 100,000,000 people, everyone of whom had a deep interest in the present situation. His only object, he said, was to avoid a strike with its consequent disaster to the nation.

As he spoke to the officials he paced up and down before them in the Blue room. Several times he emphasized his points with a clenched fist. He spoke solemnly and often paused and faced them as he asked that they accept his plan. The railroad presidents were equally solemn.

"We must face the naked truth in this crisis," said the president. "We must not discuss impractical things. We must get down to a basis on which this situation can be solved."

He asked why they should demand arbitration when there was no law for compulsory arbitration, and he knew it to be impossible to get a compulsory law through Congress. The employees, he recalled, had consistently refused arbitration and he believed it was impossible to gain it in the present controversy.

"I have been asked to sit as judge," said the president. "I can not do that. I simply can suggest a plan, a way in which I believe this question can be settled fairly to all sides."

President Wilson urged again that the railroads accept the plan, adopt the eight hour day at least temporarily and then allow the proposed commission to fully investigate the facts. He pointed out that the railroads brought forth one set of statements and the men another and it was impossible for him to tell which was correct.

In conclusion he said he believed his plan was the only equitable way of settling the controversy.

One of the railroad presidents said after the conference that he did not consider the situation hopeless, but that it was very serious. Mr. Wilson, he said, had asked for a showdown, and the railroad officials would give a final answer as soon as possible.

Mr. Wilson this afternoon sent the following telegram to fourteen presidents of western railroads:

"Discussion of the matters involved in the threatened railway strike is still continuing. It is highly important that I should personally confer with you or someone authorized to represent you at the earliest possible moment. Hope you can arrange matters so as to be able to come to Washington at once."

Some of the brotherhood leaders still talk of congressional action if negotiations fail and a strike results. They regard it as impossible to induce Congress to pass an eight-hour law in behalf of the railroad employees, but talk of a bill to empower the president to operate the railroads with present employees on an eight-hour basis.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The crisis over the threatened railroad strike continues and there are many

JAP WINS.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 19.—William M. Johnston, the national tennis title holder, was defeated by I. Kumagae, the Japanese champion, today, in the final match of the singles tournament for the Casino club. The score of his victory was 6-1, 9-7, 5-7, 2-6, 9-7.

SEVEN NABBED IN POLICE RAID

Alleged Gamblers Fail to Appear in Police Court and Bonds Are Forfeited.

Seven alleged gamblers were arrested by city police in a raid on a building on Baltimore street, Glen Elk, late Friday night. The men gave their names to the police as Joseph Mawer, Joseph Baire, Tony Chemans, Samuel Knight, Tony Acure, Joseph Doe and John Andy. All the names are thought to be fictitious.

Mawer, who is alleged to have been operating the place, was required to post a bond of \$21.60, while the others, with the exception of Joseph Doe, put up \$13 each. Doe was let off for \$9.

None of the men appeared in police court for trial Saturday morning and the bonds were declared forfeited.

Lieutenant of Police Nicholas M. Whyte and Patrolman Pievont made the raid.

EPIDEMIC

Of Infantile Paralysis is Marked by No Material Change Today.

NEW YORK, August 19.—The end of the eighth week of the epidemic of infantile paralysis was marked by no material change in its development. During the week just passed the disease has neither advanced nor receded to any extent. During the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. thirty-six children were killed by the plague and 134 new cases were reported to the health department as against thirty-two deaths and 125 new cases reported yesterday.

BIG PULLMAN PLANT

Employing 5,000 Men is to Be Erected in the Wheeling District.

WHEELING, August 19.—It is officially announced here that the Pullman Company, of Pullman, Ill., will shortly begin the erection of a branch plant for the construction of steel cars at Mingo, O., twenty miles north of this city. Two hundred acres of land was recently purchased by the company at that point at a cost of \$200,000 and plans are being drawn for a monster plant on this site.

The new industry will give employment to 5,000 skilled workers. The work of clearing the grounds has already been started.

HARMON RESIGNS.

MIDDLEBORNE, Aug. 19.—Prof. E. E. Harmon, of the Tyler county high school, has tendered his resignation as teacher of mathematics and has accepted a position in the patent office at Washington, D. C.

PROPERTY OWNERS WILL HAVE TO PAY

For Sidewalks Laid by the City in Front of Their Properties, Council Says.

Property owners in front of whose property the city lays sidewalks after they have been duly notified by ordinance to pay for the same, and the city council Friday night in regular session took action to bring about strict enforcement of the ordinance. It ordered paid two bills, one of \$60.70 for sidewalk in front of L. S. Horner's property on Mechanic street and another of \$47.50 for sidewalk in front of the Susie Davis property on West Pike street, and then directed that the necessary steps be taken to recover the amounts from the two property owners.

The city clerk was directed to advertise for bids for street paving on Virginia street from Hornor avenue to the south side of Wilson street.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS TO HOLD SESSIONS AT SALEM

General Conference of the Denomination Will Meet in That City Next Week.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Program Will Begin Tuesday at the College and End Sunday Evening.

The one hundred and fourth session and the one hundredth and fourteenth anniversary of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference will be held at Salem next week. Sessions will begin Tuesday morning and end Sunday evening. They will be held in the auditorium of Salem College. The following program will be observed:

Tuesday Morning, August 22.

10:00—Hymn No. 252, "Come, Thou Almighty King."

Preparation of the Spirit.

Hymn No. 306, "Standing on the Promises."

Address of welcome—Mazzini G. Stillman.

Response—"Let God Arise."

President's address—Samuel B. Bond.

Report of committee on executive committee—Moses H. VanHorn, secretary.

Report of committee on denominational activities—Clayton A. Burdick, chairman.

Appointment of committees.

12:00—Adjournment.

Afternoon.

The efficient church.

2:00—Service of praise—Paul E. Titworth.

The Layman—Edgar D. Van Horn.

Male quartet—"One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

The Equipment—William C. Hubbard.

The Every Member Canvass—William C. Whitford.

Music.

Evening.

The Rural Church.

8:00 Song service.

The Value of a Rural Survey—A. Clyde Ehret.

The Relation of the Rural Home to the Church—Mrs. Nettie West.

Music—"The Church in the Wilderness."

What One Pastor is Doing—Walter L. Greene.

Male choir—"Abide with Me."

Wednesday Morning, August 23.

6:00—Young people's sunrise meeting led by Miss Lella Stillman. (Methods room in Huffman Hall.)

9:00—Hearing of Sabbath school board.

Topics for discussion—The Sabbath School Publications; Can the Relation of the Sabbath School Board to its Publications Be Improved? (Methods room in Huffman Hall.)

10:00—Devotional service.

Corresponding secretary's report.

Treasurer's report.

Other conference business.

11:00—Sabbath school board.

Devotional exercises.

Annual report of board—A. L. Burdick, secretary.

The Score Card—Alfred E. Whitford, president.

Vital Features of Sabbath School Work—Lester C. Randolph.

12:00—Adjournment.

Afternoon.

2:00—Education Society.

Devotional exercises.

Address—William C. Whitford, president.

Annual report of the executive board—Paul E. Titworth, treasurer.

Solo—Miss Cordelia Harkness.

Address—"Some Forward Movements in Education"—Booth C. Davis.

General discussion and business.

4:00—Woman's board section meeting led by Mrs. Alfred Whitford. (Methods room in Huffman Hall.)

Evening.

8:00—Religious Education.

Song service.

The Church and the Marginal People—Herman D. Clark.

Religion in Secular Education—O. Orestes Bond.

Eds.—Mrs. Alfred E. Whitford.

Education as a Condition of Christian Efficiency—William C. Daland.

Music.

Thursday Morning, August 24.

6:00—Young people's sunrise prayer meeting led by Paul Burdick.

9:00—Education Society Hearing

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BRITISH AND TURKISH FORCES ARE FIGHTING

BODIES FLOAT

In Some of the Streams Affected by the Flood on Cabin Creek.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 19.—Bodies continue to float in some of the streams affected by the flood of more than a week ago, a man and woman being carried down Coal river Friday. They were seen as a mass of wreckage passed Petola.

Two of the three companies on duty in the flood zone were ordered back to Camp Kanawha this morning, leaving one company at Cabin creek and another along Coal river.

YOUNG MEN JAILED.

Two neatly dressed young men, giving their names and addresses as E. J. Weaver, of Cumberland, Md., and C. J. Hare, of Olean, N. Y., were jailed Saturday afternoon by Policemen Yates and Lee on charges of vagrancy. They were arrested in Glen Elk. They will be given a hearing at the Sunday morning session of police court.

FRENCH WIN THEIR WAY FOOT BY FOOT IN FIGHT.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—The remainder of the ruins on the edge of the village of Fleury was captured last night by the French, the war office announced today. The battle continued violently all night long and the French won their way foot by foot.

German counter attacks were made repeatedly on the Somme front. The statements say the Germans were repulsed after violent fighting, leaving fifty prisoners in the hands of the French.

HEAVIEST RAINSTORM OF THE SEASON ON.

SALONIKI, Aug. 19.—Bulgarian troops who attacked the positions of the Allies along the Serbian frontier on August 17 were repulsed and thrown back upon their original positions after sustaining enormous losses, says the Serbian official statement today.

Again in Mesopotamia with Friendly Tribesmen Assisting British Army.

HEAVY THUNDER HEARD

French, Russians and Italians Are Winning in the Various Battlefields Still.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Renewal of fighting in Mesopotamia in which the British were engaged with Turkish irregulars is reported in an official statement today. The statement says sixty Turks were killed and a large number were wounded by the British who were assisted by friendly tribesmen. They made a raid on the irregular forces which had attempted to interfere with British steamships on the Euphrates.

STUDENTS DISCHARGED.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 19.—Orders were received at Camp Kanawha today from the military department of the East for the discharge of all enlisted students who desired to continue their studies.

ONE MARRIAGE LICTNSE.

A marriage license has been issued to Calvin Harden and Virginia Heldreth.

MRS. WOODDELL DIES ON A TRAIN

Near Jane Lew While Returning from Webster Springs to Her Home at the Waldo.

Enroute to her home here from Webster Springs, where she had been for her health, Mrs. J. W. Wooddell, wife of the manager of the Waldo hotel, died this afternoon on a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train near Jane Lew. Mr. Wooddell was with her when she died.

Mrs. Wooddell had been ill for about two months and two weeks ago was taken to Webster Springs, where she apparently improved. Yesterday and this morning she appeared in much better health and it was thought safe to make the trip to this city. Mrs. Wooddell, however, became very much worse after the trip was started and the end came about 1:40 o'clock.

BOLD BURGLAR ENTERS MAIN STREET STORE

Smashes Rear Window of Bon Ton Store and Escapes with Big Haul.

A bold burglar sometime Friday night smashed a rear window of the Bon Ton store on West Main street, near Fourth, rifled the cash drawer of between \$8 and \$10 in cash and took about \$100 worth of various kinds of goods.

Three rings, a mirror and a costly brush were found in the grass in the rear of the store Saturday morning. Apparently the burglar had taken more goods from the store than he could handle, and had abandoned the articles.

Standing on a box the intruder smashed the upper pane of the window with a large rock. Reaching through the aperture thus made, he was able to unlock the window. The window was then raised, and the marauder entered.

Among the articles of goods taken from the store were mesh bags, gloves, white ivory goods, tooth paste, pearl beads, tooth brushes, party boxes, jewel cases and rings and other jewelry.

Soon after the burglary was discovered, it was reported to both city and county authorities. Chief of Police Harry L. Brooks assigned City Detective L. L. White to the case. After making an examination of the store, the detective stated that his only clue was that he was certain the intruder was tall man. This he determined after seeing the distance from the box, on which the intruder stood, to the window. The detective said only a tall man could have reached high enough to smash the upper pane of the window.

LINER SUNK

Although It Carries Mounted Guns for Protection from Submarines.

LONDON, August 19.—The Italian steamship Stampalla, between New York and Italian ports, has been sunk, says a despatch to Lloyd's.

The Stampalla was a passenger liner of 900 tons gross and had space for 1,700 passengers. In common with other Italian liners it had mounted guns for protection from submarines. The last report of its movements was its arrival at Genoa on July 30.

NAVAL RAID

Is Made on the Austrian Seaport of Trieste by Italian Aeroplanes.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, Aug. 19.—Naval aeroplanes with the aid of torpedo craft and motor boats made an attack on the Austrian seaport of Trieste on the morning of August 14, says an Austrian admiralty statement Saturday. Several of the raiding craft were brought down, and although a number of bombs were dropped little damage was done, it is declared.

BREAD TO ADVANCE.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., August 19.—Bakers here announce that when the present supply of flour is exhausted they will advance the price of bread to six and twelve cents a loaf.

DARING ROBBERS.

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CAMPAIGN

To Raise Funds for New Church at Northview Will Begin Tomorrow.

The first gun in the campaign to raise funds for the erection of a new United Brethren church at Northview will be fired Sunday when "new church day" will be celebrated with all day services in the public park adjoining the church. If weather conditions are unfavorable the services will be held in the church.

Bishop W. M. Weekly, of Parkersburg, will preach at 11 o'clock in the morning. There will also be services at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dinner will be served on the grounds and everybody is asked to come and bring a basket.